The European Commission seeks contributions for the 2026 New European Bauhaus Festival

Brussels, 22 August 2025 – The European Commission has launched three calls for expression of interest inviting contributions to the third edition of the New European Bauhaus Festival, taking place in Brussels (Belgium) on 9-13 June 2026.

The biannual event celebrates the New European Bauhaus, an EU initiative aimed at turning the green transition into tangible change on the ground, improving daily lives through sustainable solutions for the built environment and lifestyles. The 2026 Festival will, among other topics, address the transformative power of democratic engagement in shaping more inclusive and sustainable communities. It will highlight how empowered citizens and local authorities can play an active role in creating their environments, with a particular emphasis on affordable housing as a key component of democratic participation.

The calls for expression of interest concern three components of the Festival's programme: the Fair, an exhibition highlighting projects that support the values of the New European Bauhaus; the Fest, a celebration bringing together culture, art, and conviviality; as well as Satellite events aligned with the New European Bauhaus values, to be organised independently in Brussels, across Europe, and beyond.

The deadline to submit proposals is 30 September 2025 for the Fair and Fest, and 31 December 2025 for Satellite events. Submissions can be made at this page.

Background

The New European Bauhaus is an EU policy and funding initiative that makes the green transition in built environments enjoyable, attractive, and convenient for all. The initiative invites everyone to reshape our future and make it more sustainable, beautiful, and inclusive, promoting positive and inclusive experiences for all.

Launched by President von der Leyen in her 2020 State of the Union address, the New European Bauhaus was co-designed with thousands of people and organisations across Europe and beyond.